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IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. *(Currently Amended)* A copying apparatus comprising:

- an image input device that inputs an image signal read from an original;
- an additional information reading device that reads additional information from the inputted image signal;
- a search device that carries out a search for an original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;
- a copy output device that outputs a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search by said search device;
- a display device that displays the additional information;
- an editing device that edits the displayed additional information; ~~and~~
- a controller that controls said search device to carry out the search for the original file using the edited additional information; and
- a determining device that determines whether the search of the original file by said search device is possible based on the read additional information.
- wherein said controller prompts the editing by said editing device and controls said search device to carry out the search for the original file using the edited additional information edited by said editing device in a case where said determining device determines that the search is not possible.

2. *(Original)* A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said controller determines that editing of the additional information by said editing device is possible when the original file has not been found as a result of the search by said search device.

3. *(Original)* A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said controller determines that the search for the original file by said search device is possible when editing of the additional information read from the inputted image signal is completed.

4. *(Original)* A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the copying apparatus is connected to at least one information processing apparatus via a network or a communication line, and wherein said search device searches the at least one information processing apparatus for the original file.

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5. (*Original*) A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises electronic watermark information embedded in the original.

6. (*Original*) A copying apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional information comprises barcode information printed on the original.

7. (*Currently Amended*) A method of controlling a copying apparatus, comprising the steps of:  
an image inputting step of inputting an image signal read from an original;  
an additional information reading step of reading additional information from the inputted image signal;  
a searching step of carrying out a search for an original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;  
a copy outputting step of outputting a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search in said searching step;  
a displaying step of displaying the additional information;  
an editing step of editing the displayed additional information; and  
a controlling step of controlling the search for the original file to be carried out using the edited additional information in said searching step; and  
a determining step of determining whether the search of the original file in said searching step is possible based on the read additional information,  
wherein the editing in said editing step is prompted and said searching step is controlled to carry out the search for the original file using the edited additional information edited in said editing step in a case where the search is determined to be impossible in said determining step.

8. (*Original*) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein it is determined in said controlling step that editing of the additional information in said editing step is possible when the original file has not been found as a result of the search in said searching step.

9. (*Original*) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein it is determined in said controlling step that the search for the original file in said searching step is possible when editing of the additional information read from the inputted image signal is completed.

10. (*Original*) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the copying apparatus is connected at least one information processing apparatus via a network or a communication line, and wherein

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10. *(Original)* A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the copying apparatus is connected at least one information processing apparatus via a network or a communication line, and wherein in said searching step the at least one information processing apparatus is searched for the original file.

11. *(Original)* A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the additional information comprises electronic watermark information embedded in the original.

12. *(Original)* A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the additional information comprises barcode information printed on the original.

13. *(Currently Amended)* A computer-readable program for causing a computer to execute a method of controlling a copying apparatus, comprising:

an image input module for inputting an image signal read from an original;

an additional information reading module for reading additional information from the inputted image signal;

a search module for carrying out a search for an original file corresponding to the original based on the read additional information;

a copy output module for outputting a copy of the original using the original file found as a result of the search by said search module;

a display module for displaying the additional information;

an editing module for editing the displayed additional information;-and

a control module for controlling the search for the original file to be carried out using the edited additional information by said search module; and

a determining module for determining whether the search of the original file in said searching module is possible based on the read additional information.

wherein the editing in said editing module is prompted and said searching module is controlled to carry out the search for the original file using the edited additional information edited in said editing module in a case where the search is determined to be not possible in said determining module.